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appurtenances thereto connected, and so much of
said land as will be sold at public auction at the
tannery occupied by said F. W. Verrey in Jamaica,
county of Windham, on the 22nd day of De-
cember, A. D. 1891, at 1 o'clock in the after-
noon, as is necessary to pay the taxes and costs
thereon. J. Q. SHUMWAY, Collector of taxes
for the year 1891.
Jamaica, November 27, 1891.

Estray Notice.
CAME INTO THE ENCLOSURE of the sub-
scribing, on the 26th inst., one of about
Nov. 2, one pair of SPECKLED YEARLING
STERS, one SPECKLED YEARLING or TWO-
YEAR-OLD steer, one speckled yearling heifer.
The owner is requested to call, prove property,
pay charges, and take them away.
A. K. SMITH.
West Wardsboro, Vt., Nov. 25, 1891. 48-30

Secretary Proctor's Farewell Report.

The annual report of Hon. Redfield
Proctor as secretary of war has been made
up and submitted to the President. The
report states that a line of coast defence
has been decided upon and sites for fortifi-
cations have been procured and work has
been begun at New York, Boston, San
Francisco, Hampton Roads and Washing-
ton. Additions to the gun factory at Wat-
ertown are in progress and provision has
been made for the manufacture by the gov-
ernment of a large number of breech-load-
ing steel rifle guns of high power. A con-
tract has also been made for a large num-
ber of similar guns with the Bethlehem,
Pa., company. Of the \$1,000,000 appro-
priated by Congress for land defences,
\$350,000 has been expended for sites for
fortifications. Mr. Proctor thinks that
\$500,000 a year should be appropriated
for the purpose of completing or extend-
ing these fortifications. Desertions from
the army for the year ending Sept. 30 have
been less than in any other year in its
history, being only 5.7 per cent. The sec-
retary believes the rate can be reduced to 2
per cent. Good progress has been made
in enlisting a better class of men than ever
before for army service, it having been the
policy of the department under Mr. Pro-
ctor to seek enlistments from the country
towns rather than from the large cities, and

to take every possible means to prevent the
permanent entrance into the service of any
except men of good character. The re-
port goes somewhat into detail in describ-
ing the enlistment of companies of warlike
Indians as regular soldiers. The results
have been satisfactory, and there is every
reason to believe that the Indians will not
only make good soldiers, but that the les-
sons learned in the service will have an ex-
cellent moral and civilizing influence on the
Indian tribes after the recruits have served
their terms and returned to private life.

It is gratifying and encouraging in a high
degree to find the secretary saying toward
the close of his report: "Nothing in my
connection with the army has gratified me
so much as the general high character and
professional attainments of the younger offi-
cers of the army, who have made the most
of their opportunities under the conditions
of comparative peace. It is upon them
that we must depend in the future, and
they can be implicitly relied upon to be
equal to the requirements of any emer-
gency."

In conclusion the secretary says with
characteristic modesty and brevity: "As I
am about to retire from this department, I
desire to acknowledge the earnest and loy-
al cooperation which I have at all times re-
ceived in its administration from all the offi-
cers and officials, and the encouragement
and support which I have ever had from you."

The State Committee's Muddle.

The situation regarding the effort of the
state committee to dictate the clubbing
policy and terms of the state papers has
assumed an interesting phase this week.
The indications are unmistakable that
Chairman Baldwin, and his few supporters
on the committee, alarmed by the storm of
indignant protest which their action called
out, are attempting to hedge, through pub-
lications in the Barton Monitor and else-
where, claiming that no dictation was pro-
posed or attempted, but that their action
was in the form of a "suggestion" of "a fair
and equal concession." But the facts are
unfortunately against this view of the case,
and the appearances are such that no Ver-
mont newspaper of any prominence or standing
will submit to interference with its busi-
ness management from any outside source.

Although repeatedly intimated to put
its Weekly into the boycotting combina-
tion, and refuse subscriptions at less than
40 cents to publishers that had the temerity
to stand on their own feet, the Boston
Journal has acted in an honorable and
business-like way, withdrawing its Weekly
from the combination, and announcing
that it will deal hereafter with the pub-
lishers direct, furnishing the Weekly for
45 cents a year, the price which the state
publishers have paid for three years past.
This course will inevitably win the Journal
many friends, and this it deserves. Al-
ways a staunch and valuable paper, it is
greatly increased in value and attractive-
ness since its recent change and enlarge-
ment to eight pages.

The worst feature of this case is that it
makes an unfortunate beginning for next
year's campaign. At the outset needless
antagonisms have been aroused, and a tem-
per has been shown—by what we believe
to be, however, less than a majority of the
committee—which does not augur well for
strong, harmonious and effective work.
This one mistake of the committee is of
comparatively little account by itself, but
it shows an underlying spirit which the
party cannot afford to have crop out in
some other way. Let a halt be called be-
fore further mischief is done.

**Next Year's Republican National Con-
vention.**

A fully attended meeting of the Republi-
can national committee was held in
Washington on Monday, when it was de-
cided to hold next year's national conven-
tion in Minneapolis, convening on June 7.
Representatives of the cities of New York,
Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chattanooga
and San Francisco appeared before the
committee and presented the claims of
each of these cities. When the first bal-
lot was taken Minneapolis had 13 votes,
New York 9, Chicago 9, Omaha 5, San
Francisco 8, Cincinnati 4, Chattanooga 4,
Pittsburg 2, Detroit and St. Louis each 1.
On the seventh ballot Minneapolis won
the day with 20 votes, two more than a
majority. The resignations of Mr. Quay
as chairman of the committee and of W.
W. Dudley as treasurer, which were ten-
dered last summer, were formally accepted,
and Gen. John S. Clarkson, the acting
chairman, was chosen chairman, and Wm.
Barbour of New York treasurer.

The formal call of the national conven-
tion was issued by the national committee
on Tuesday. The basis of representation
will be the same as heretofore—four dele-
gates at large from each state, and two for
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